

To: Canvassing Board, Minneapolis Special School District #01 (SSD 01)
From: Grace Wachlarowicz, Director of Elections & Voter Services City of Minneapolis and SSD #01
Date: August 27, 2014
Re: Recount Recap for School Board Member At-Large

Pursuant to *M.S. 204C.35* and *M.R. 8235* the School Board Member At-Large recount between candidates Jourdain and Mann who placed 4th and 5th respectively in the Primary Election held on August 12, 2014 was held on August 26th. The recount proceedings was presided by Recount Official Grace Wachlarowicz and Deputy Recount Official Tim Schwarz.

This was an administrative recount. It was not to determine who was eligible to vote. It was not to determine if campaign laws were violated. It was not to determine if absentee ballots were properly accepted. It was simply to physically recount the ballots for this race.

Differences in the vote count is not unusual. Normally any errors by judges or the machine are random errors and generally offset one another. Characteristically there may be a slight change one way in one precinct that is balanced off by a corresponding change in the other direction in another precinct. Normally the results of the election are not changed by these adjustments, but it does happen.

The recount, held at 732A Harding St. Minneapolis, began at 9:00 am with training of the recount team staff. The official recount commenced at 10:00 am with the instructions explained and attached for your reference. Mr. Jourdain and Mr. Mann were present to observe, however they did not have a sufficient number of representatives or observers for each of the 10 recount tables. Both candidates agreed that the Recount Team may assist the Recount Sorter to ensure ballots are placed in the appropriate candidate pile.

The recount proceeded without stopping at the ten recount tables; having back-up teams available to step in to allow for staff breaks and lunch. After lunch, the recount teams, or tables, expanded to 15 expediting the process.

As mentioned above, it is not uncommon to have vote differences between the hand count and machine totals. Historically, differences are due to the physical review of the ballot to determine voter's intent pursuant to *M.S. 204C.22* or errors by the recount team. Upon review of the unofficial recount totals, seven precincts recorded differences of more than one vote. As the Recount Official, these precincts were directed to be recounted a second time with the agreement of both candidates. Said precincts' second recount tallied vote totals comparable to the machine totals with one precinct recording a difference of one vote.

No ballot was challenged by either candidate. The final recount vote total for each candidate as are follows:

	Jourdain	Mann
Canvassed Votes	2,249	2,199
Recount Votes	2,242	2,193
Difference +/-	-7	-6

	Canvassed	Recount
Total Vote Difference	50	49
Total Ballots Cast	29,129	29,129